AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

Additionally, to achieve at least the aforementioned objects and overcome at least the aforementioned problems and disadvantages of the related art, a method for storing and securely managing important information for a user in a database is provided, comprising (a) storing synchronizing information, which changes when at least one piece of the important information for a user is updated, in the database together with the important information for a user, and encrypting the synchronizing information, and (b) distributively storing the encrypted synchronizing information in a plurality of predetermined places. The method also comprises (c) combining and decrypting the synchronizing information stored in the predetermined places and determining whether the combined and decrypted synchronizing information ~~and the decrypted synchronizing information~~ is ~~substantially~~ identical to the synchronizing information stored in the database.